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tensioned around a coaxial cable, the base structure provided with an interior surface and an exterior surface, sealing lips operatively associated with the base structure and extending from the interior surface, the sealing lips for providing a seal between the base structure and a coaxial cable when the base structure is tensioned therearound and a band shaped, electrically conducting contact element attached to the base structure, the band shaped, electrically conducting contact element including at least one resilient, electrically conducting contact protrusion unitary therewith and biased to extend beyond the sealing lips so that when the base structure is tensioned around a coaxial cable the resilient, electrically conducting contact protrusion will rest against the bare segments of the coaxial cable and provide electrical contact.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Cancel claims 2, 6, 9, 12, 15, 19, 21, 27, 28, 31-34 and 40.

Replace claims 1, 8, 13, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26 and 39 with the following rewritten claims.

1.(twice amended) A device for providing electrical contact to an outer conductor of a coaxial cable, the outer conductor having bare segments, said device comprising:

a) a base structure adapted to be tensioned around a

coaxial cable, said base structure provided with an interior surface and an exterior surface;

b) sealing lips operatively associated with said base structure and extending from said interior surface thereof, said sealing lips for providing a seal between said base structure and a coaxial cable when said base structure is tensioned therearound;

c) a band shaped, electrically conducting contact element attached to said base structure, said band shaped, electrically conducting contact element including at least one resilient, electrically conducting contact protrusion unitary therewith and biased to extend beyond said sealing lips so that when said base structure is tensioned around a coaxial cable said resilient, electrically conducting contact protrusion will rest against the bare segments of the coaxial cable and provide electrical contact therewith.

8. **(twice amended)** Device as claimed in claim 1, and wherein said base structure is at least one of a band-shaped or plate-shaped contact element constructed from electrically conducting material.

13. **(twice amended)** A device for providing electrical contact to an outer conductor of a coaxial cable, the outer conductor having bare segments, said device comprising:

a) a base structure adapted to be tensioned around a coaxial cable, said base structure provided with an interior surface and an exterior surface;

b) sealing lips operatively associated with said base structure and extending from said interior surface thereof, said sealing lips for providing a seal between said base structure and a coaxial cable when said base structure is tensioned therearound;

c) a band shaped, electrically conducting contact element attached to said base structure, said band shaped, electrically conducting contact element including at least one resilient, electrically conducting contact protrusion unitary therewith and biased to extend beyond said sealing lips so that when said base structure is tensioned around a coaxial cable said resilient, electrically conducting contact protrusion will rest against the bare segments of the coaxial cable and provide electrical contact therewith; and

d) said at least one resilient, electrically conducting contact protrusion consists of a blade projecting away from said base structure interior surface.

20. **(twice amended)** Device as claimed in claim 16 and further comprising:

a) additional resilient electrically conducting contact protrusions, said additional resilient electrically conducting contact protrusions are mounted in a mutually spaced manner and in

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a circumferential direction of said base structure and in alignment along a single circumferential line thereof.

22. **(twice amended)** Device as claimed in claim 16 and wherein said base structure is integral and circumferentially open and includes first and second opposite ends each of which are provided with respective brackets that are connectable.

23. **(twice amended)** Device as claimed in claim 22 and wherein said respective brackets are adapted to be connected to each other with screws.

24. **(twice amended)** Device as claimed in claim 1 and wherein said base structure includes an elastic part, said elastic part having a surface coextensive with said base structure interior surface and adapted for connection to said band shaped, electrically conducting contact element.

26 **(twice amended)** Device as claimed in claim 24 and wherein said elastic part is formed from a thermoplastic elastomer.

39. **(twice amended)** Device as claimed in claim 1 and further including sealing surfaces , said sealing surfaces consisting of mutually facing interior surfaces of cooperating bracket members,

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said cooperating bracket members extending from said base member and at least one of made of an elastic material or adapted to sandwich an elastic sealing element therebetween when in an assembled position.